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## ***PROVIDER UPDATE***

***July 2020***  
***#2020-28***

To: IMCare Providers  
From: Sarah Duell, IMCare Director  
Date: August 3, 2020  
RE: COVID-19 Enhanced Federal Relief Funds – Deadline extended 8/28/20

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced on June 9, 2020, additional distributions from the \$50 billion Provider Relief Fund.

Approximately \$15 billion will go to eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and that have not already received funds from the Provider Relief Fund. These payments will not be made automatically. Providers need to go to the federal portal to apply for this support. Eligible providers must have directly billed either their state Medicaid/CHIP programs (DHS) or Medicaid-managed care plans for health care-related services during the period of Jan. 1, 2018, to May 31, 2020. Nearly 1 million providers may be eligible across the country.

Providers are encouraged to apply even if they are uncertain if they are eligible. More information about the requirements and distributions is available online at the HHS website:

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-medicaid-chip-factsheet.pdf>

**IMCare highly encourages our network providers to apply for this support.**

- Deadline to apply has been extended to August 3rd
- MA providers can obtain assistance up to 2% of their gross revenues
- Many MA providers are struggling from COVID-19 impacts
- So far, only 210 Minnesota MA providers have applied (out of more than 7,000 in the state)
- More information: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-medicaid-chip-factsheet.pdf>

Information is changing rapidly, please continue to monitor provider updates and our website for the most accurate, up to date information. If you have questions, please reach out or encourage members to reach out, to our call center at 218-327-6188, toll-free at 1-800-843-9536 or email

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